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SUBJ: AFGHANS MOVE TO LAUNCH INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS
COMMITTEE

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1. ON JUNE 6, A SPECIAL GROUP OF AFGHAN CABINET OFFICIALS
MET TO INITIATE ACTION IN PREPARATION FOR THE
FIRST MEETING OF AN "AD HOC" INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE
TO CONSIDER DRUG-TRAFFICKING PROBLEMS (REFTEL A).
PARTICIPATING IN THIS PLANNING SESSION WERE REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, INTERIOR, FINANCE,1,
AGRICULTURE, PLANNING, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND WATER AND POWER
AFTER SOME PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS, THE GROUP DECIDED TO
MEET AGAIN IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO SET A SPECIFIC DATE FOR
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THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING AND TO DEVELOP AN AGENDA.

2. THE EXACT MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE HAS NOT YET
BEEN ESTABLISHED. THE AFGHANS WILL CHAIR THE SESSION,
AND, THUS FAR, THE UN AND AMERICAN EMBASSY HAVE AGREED
TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES. DURING A TALK WITH THE AMBASSADOR
ON JUNE 7, ROBERT A. BORTHWICE, RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE

OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN THAT THE COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION SHOULD NOT BE LIMITED ONLY TO AFGHAN OFFICIALS, UN REPRESENTATIVES, AND AMERICANS. WE AGREE WITH HIM, ESPECIALLY SINCE THE DEPARTMENT HAS ALREADY INITIATED APPROACHES TO THE BRITISH, ITALIANS, FRENCH, GERMANS, AND SOVIETS ON THE AFGHAN OPIUM PROBLEM (REFTEL B), AND IT IS IN OUR BEST INTERESTS TO CONTINUE TO PROMOTE A MULTILATERAL APPROACH TO THIS IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL PROBLEM. WE ALSO EXPECT THE AFGHAN ORGANIZERS TO OPT FOR BROADER PARTICIPATION. WE WILL BE PURSUING THIS WITH THE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

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